The main reason for the loss in 1988-89 was due to poor performance of the Westland helicopters.

(b) and (c) The Westland W-30 helicopters were found unsuitable on account of operational safety and economic viability. All these 19 helicopters are grounded since 9th February, 1991.

Development of Buddhist Centre In Orissa

3339. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flow of tourists will increase in Orissa if the places of the Buddhist importance in that State are properly developed; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far or proposed to be taken in that direction in the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Governments on specific proposals based on their merit, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities. So far, the Department of Tourism have sanctioned the construction of a tourist complex at Pathrajpur and proposal for providing tourist amenities at Buddhist complex at Ratnagiri is under consideration.

Development of adventure tourism

3340. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have identified certain spots for adventure tourism in the country;

(b) if so, what are their locations and development plan drawn in respect of each spots;

(c) whether the Central Government have decided to provide grants to the concerned States; for this purpose; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The Government of India on its own does not identify spots for the development of Adventure Tourism. However, it assists the State Governments for creation of infrastructural facilities on the specific proposals received on the basis of their merits, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Negligence in Air-India flight

3341. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN
SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the newspaper reports about Air-India flight-III Delhi-London-New York left from Indira Gandhi International Airport on 2nd March, 1992 without the passenger but with its baggage;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken action against the guilty; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The official responsible has been placed under suspension and departmental proceedings instituted against him.

Extension of international flights from their destination to other metropolitan cities

3342. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the international flights of Air-India from their destination to other metropolitan cities to meet the requirements of domestic passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and